



# PLACE OF GRACE

## FLORENCE BOULEVARD CHURCH OF CHRIST

DECEMBER 17, 2023

### Positively Possible

with Austin

Millie Vandyke sent my family two messages on Monday of this past week to encourage Brianne and myself in parenting and ministry. But think about it for just a moment--Millie sent that message from the hospital! She found a way to send encouragement even though she was cooped up in a hospital bed fighting sickness of her own.

Romans 3:3-4 says, "Not only so, but we also glory in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance; perseverance, character; and character, hope." How can I help others when I myself am hurting? Look at Millie Vandyke. See her suffering and be motivated by her message as we were. Read Philippians 2:3-11. Encouraging others while suffering yourself is possible. How? Because with God, all things are positively possible!

### Journey to Jesus

with John

On the first day of Christmas My LORD GOD gave to me 🎵 A SAVIOR who redeemed me eternally

As we journey into the 12 days of Christmas, let us study a passage of JESUS on a Journey into the town of Jerusalem. HE sees the condition of the city, and the condition of their hearts. HE weeps over Jerusalem.

Despite the report of threats against HIS life, HE responded HE must finish the course. Despite HIS feelings leading up to the crucifixion, HE stayed the course This was all possible due to the willingness to leave the Throne, fulfill the prophecy, and give HIS LIFE and make the sacrifice we could not.

Let's be servant leaders. Let's stay the course. Let's give GOD the glory. He deserves worship for being our Creator and Savior.

(Reference Luke 13 & 19)

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Sunday AM: 9:00  
Bible Class: 10:15  
Sunday PM: 5:00  
Wednesday PM: 6:30

### OUR ELDERS

STEVE CLARK  
JAKE VANDYKE  
KEN VANHORN - EOM  
MARK WILLINGHAM

(EOM - ELDER OF THE MONTH)

### OUR DEACONS

GREG ALLEN  
JUSTIN BECKMAN  
KEVIN CLEMONS  
MIKE DAVIDSON  
KYLE DICKSON  
GREGG ELROD  
NATE FULMER  
A.J. GOOCH  
DAVID GOOCH  
WILL HODGE  
BRIAN MCMANUS  
JAMEY MEDLEY  
RONNIE PUTNAM  
DAVE SCHMIDT  
MARK VANHORN

### PREACHING MINISTER

AUSTIN JOHNSON

### YOUTH MINISTER

JOHN BIRDWELL

### COLLEGE MINISTER

MICHAEL SHIFFLET

### ADULT CURRICULUM

### COORDINATOR

DAX HOLT

### CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

### COORDINATOR

LINDA YOUNG

### OFFICE MANAGER

MONNIE ROSS



# Week at a Glance December 16 - December 23, 2023

FH: Fellowship Hall  
FR: Family Room  
LH: Lighthouse

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
CEDAR VIEW 2:00 PM CAROLING 6:00 PM YOUTH GROUP XMAS PARTY 6:00 PM	COLLEGE XMAS PARTY 5:30 PM	PRAISE OUR BLESSED REDEEMER!	WEDNESDAY SERVICE 6:30 PM	OUR HEAVENLY HOME IS BEING PREPARED. HALLELUJAH!	"GOD IS THE STRENGTH OF MY HEART AND MY PORTION FOREVER."	THE JOY OF THE LORD IS YOUR <u>STRENGTH!</u>

### By the Numbers

For the week of 12/10/2023

AM Worship: 281/ On-Line Views: 210    Bible Class: 210/ On-Line Views: N/A  
PM Worship: 214/ On-Line Views: 153    Wednesday: 178/ On-Line Views: 166

### Responses

Brianne Johnson responded to the invitation last Sunday morning requesting prayers that she can showcase the peace of Christ more in her home. Please keep Brianne in your prayers in the coming days.

### Reminder

Mailboxes are getting full in the foyer. Be sure to check yours today.

### Sick List

- Linda Barnes: Is having painful issues with her back.
- Larry Brock: Recovering from a broken foot.
- Ray Carpenter: In NAMC, Room 5412, the family asks for no visitors.
- Madison Coppock: Awaiting test results.
- Nancy Cox: Is now at home.
- Carole Crunk: Undergoing treatments, doing some better.
- Brenna Edmundson: Fell and possibly tore a ligament in her knee.
- Marva Forsythe: Improving & can now put weight on leg as tolerated.
- June Green: Recovering from rotator cuff surgery.
- Patty Hunt: Cards can be sent to her home address.
- Larry and Becky Jeffreys: Larry has pneumonia and will be having thyroid surgery soon. Both are dealing with several health issues.
- Emma Maness: Undergoing therapy for her shoulder.
- Carolyn Poole: Having some better days.
- Sophie Prosser: Has surgery on knee scheduled for Dec. 22nd.
- Jan Reeves: Recovering from pneumonia and slowly improving.
- Janice Schmidt: Recovering at home and doing well.
- Stacy Springer: Recovering from surgery.
- Mille Vandyke: Is now recovering at home & feeling better.
- Carolyn Wells: In Mitchell Hollingsworth Rehab, Room 38A.
- Leisa Williams: Recovery going well after having infection in her legs.

### Assisted Living

Linda Barnes, Gladys Parker, Tommy & Martha Smith, Joyce Trousdale

### Shut-Ins

Lane Baker, Glenda Campbell, Ann Cooper, Don & Ruth Deaton,  
Eleanor Martin, Gene McDaniel, Drucilla Richardson

### Coming in 2024...



### Upcoming Events

#### Dec. 17: Cedar View Service

At 2:00 pm.

#### Dec. 17: Church-Wide Christmas Caroling

After evening services.

#### Dec. 17: Youth Group Christmas Party

After evening services at the Johnsons.

#### Dec. 18: College Christmas Party

5:30 at the Johnsons

#### Dec. 28-Jan.1: Youth Group East Point Spiritual Retreat

East Point Florida

#### Dec. 25 & 26: Office closed for Christmas Holidays

#### Jan. 3 & 5: Meals on Wheels Sign-up and Delivery.

Sign-up sheet in foyer. January delivery dates are 1/3/24 & 1/5/24.

### Youth Events

Youth Group Christmas Party: Dec. 17 at the Johnsons after evening services.

Joint Parent & Youth class every Wednesday night in December.  
Be planning to attend!

East Point Spiritual Retreat: Dec. 28 - Jan. 1, 2024.

Theme: COMMITTED - to God, Family, Church & Scripture.

Please be praying for this effort.

### Congratulations!

- Congratulations to Emily Robinson, who graduated from UNA last week with a degree in Elementary Education.
- Congratulations to Cody Jordan (fiance of Alexandra Calvo) who graduated from UNA with a degree in Science and Psychology.
- Congratulations to Michael Shifflet who graduated from UNA with a Masters in Clinical Mental Health Counseling.

Congratulations to our graduates!

### December Missionary of the Month

Delmar Elam  
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We received an update this week from Mr. Elam. Enrollment at Asian Christian University has increased to 48 students. Two cottages for faculty members and their families are nearly complete. God is good!

